

Action Items and Path Forward

RS/EO Workshop 1-3 March, 2005

Produce a Summary Document

- Produce a document that summarizes key findings around the 5 theme areas
- Focused on monitoring issues that drive the organization of the summary document
- Audience is network coordinators and other agency peers
- Uniqueness of the meeting , i.e, data developers and users coming together for a common purpose (multi-agency, international)
- Should include a document with relevant links for more information
- Should highlight the ‘ten (5x2) rules of Islam’

Who Does What for the Document?

- Justin to summarize fragmentation process, measures, and background
- Wenjun/Rob’s group to summarize CCRS work; target ‘educated biologist’ level
- All published/submitted scientific articles relevant to the presentations (all presenters).
- CSA and NASA to provide summary of their roles in supporting EO/RS of monitoring protected areas (Woody/Paul B)
- Data continuity and RS/EO monitoring – Landsat and other issues (Jim I)

General TO DO List

- GPEs to be determined for US Parks (Mike S/John G) and communicate/collaborate with PCA (Justin Q, Donald M, Sal R)
- US to develop small working group to identify MODIS and possibly other operational products to assist park monitoring (Woody T, Jim I, Mike Story)
- Explore methods/develop linkages for having parks personnel work with EO specialists to provide information for their programs, e.g., ground validation, site specific map data (John G, Brad Reed - NDVI, ground plot biomass data to calibrate NPP models – PCA/CCRS)
- NPS and PCA to write up brief document that describes ancillary data within their programs to circulate to RS/EO community (John G, Mike S, Donald M)
- PCA to post on the joint web site a data matrix of park ancillary data available in the 7 GRIP pilot parks (Jean P)
- Summarize ASTER/with stereo data acquisition process (Gary G) – work through Gary to develop requests for each agency (Jean P/Paul B/Tom N – 7 GRIP parks + BPNP; Mike S)
- John G/Eric/Jim XXXX to communicate concerns about Landsat continuity (first part done)
- Create a suite of materials about the value of RS/EO in park I&M, research, and interpretation for use in internal communications with NPS managers and resource managers (Anita) – link to GRIP outreach component (Jean P)
- John G and Rama to collaborate to identify prototype parks for NPP modeling (Done)

The Path Forward – Thursday Summary

Communicating in and out of the group

- All presentations and relevant documents on web site (John G)
- Brief agency senior management (John G, Steven W)
- Brief peers within agencies (Don M, John G). Use summary document (see above)

Ongoing Projects:

- Maintain loose group as a North American network for Remote Sensing Park Ecosystem Condition (NARSEC)
- US NPS to maintain a website (John G)
- Members to post results of progress (such as GRIP) and other relevant materials.

Reaching Out

- Follow up on existing connections with IUCN to use protocols in a stratified sample of parks in developing nations (Steve W, Gary G, and Woody).
- Brief Mexican authorities on meeting and web site and opportunities for collaboration (John G)

Another Meeting?

- Another meeting in 1-2 years to report back on the operational development of the protocols?